

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

It is a disgrace to allow the use of public airwaves to disseminate partisan sentiments without allowing equal time for the opposing views. I believe Sinclair Broadcasting's license should be reviewed, and if found operating in an unfair manner, it should be revoked. You have a sworn duty to uphold the fairness doctrines and I believe it is time for you to take action in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jerry Marshall